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Dear Peter,

I've not sent you the Afterword for NEVER AGAIN! because I do not want t sebd any rough drafts again to be retyped there. I have a Hood student who on several days can spend about two hours typing for me. She is far from a professional typist but what she produces is immeasureably cleaned and easier to read that what I do.

I had her working on a lengthy srticle I did on Posner and his book on the chance that there might be some interest in trying to place it in a magazine. She finished that Saturday. If you see any point in my sending you a copy, I will. She has just started the Afterword and Now that I've seen her work, she is to triple-space all.

Earlier I sent Richard the draft of an article "Senator Russell Dissents. " He had said nothing so I presume has little or no interest.

However, I think the climate has changed enough so that some magazines that do long articles might be interested. At least I hope so.

The title of the Posner piece is "A Model of Historical Scholarship" or A Fraud Glorified? The quote is from the Historian Steven Amroses plug for Case Closed.

In writing the Afterword I wanted it to be free-standing for the record and in the event, no matter how remote, it might be placed. If you believe it must be cut, cut.

I can't say when this student will finish this typing, after which I'll put her on the Russell piece, but as soon as she does I'll send it up. It should not be very long.

If I did not tell you,two of my dearest friends are history professors, Dave Wrone at Wisconsin, Stevens Point, and Jerry McKnight, here at Hood. For their information, so they'll have copies for the hootrical record and for peer review I send them xeroxes of everything. Yesterday Wrone phoned me. He was quite excited by the Afterword, the rough draft of which I'd sent him. He said that aside from the importance of the information in it it is important as confirmation or validation, from official sources, of all that I'd written.

I do not know how he found the time but he retyped NEVER AGIAN! on his computer. He is on a sabbatical doing ressearch on Abe Lincoln with particular interest in Lincoln the man. He is also an expert on Indians and has been doing some very interesting work for and with them, particularly a Wisconsin tribe, the Menominees.

After this student finishes the Afterword I'll get her to retype the Russell/Cooper piece,which has in it unknown selections from the arhhives both left. After reading my first four books he legilslative or administrative assistant wrote him saying that I agree with him! If you do not remember, the dissent a record of which he wanted for the

record for history was memory-holed by at least Rankin. I have the statement he read there. After I gave him the proof of what had been done to him, and to Cooper, perhaps to a lesser degree Hale Boggs, father of Cokey Roberts, Russell never spoke to Johnson again. And long after Russell was dead, Cooper wrote a letter I have in which he affirmed with vigor his and Russell's absolute opposition to the single-bullet theory.

This requires no answer. I wanted to let you know why the Afterword is delayed getting to you.

Also for your information, what the Los Angeles Times says of those supposedly new records is what I've had for years. But there can be something sensational emerge and I do wish that NEVER AGAIN! could be ready if there is something exciting in the news. Doing that won't cost any more and can mean something. I do not know what if anything the NY Times reported on these "new"records.

Best,

Harold

Cooper also did an oral history for the Russell archive that I have, same thing on the SBT, single-bullet theory. I think you can see what that could mean for NEVER Again! with any attention.